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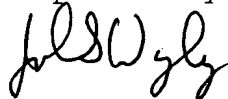
The patent office has indicated in the Notice To File Corrected Patent Applications dated July 11, 2005 that "an abstract was not provided for this application."

Enclosed please find a copy of the postcard initialed by the USPTO. The postcard indicates that a specification was sent with the initial filing having 51 pages. The 51st page is the abstract. A copy of page 51 is enclosed herewith.

The abstract as originally filed has been replicated in the present amendment, which is being filed herewith under a Certificate of Mailing as indicated. While the Applicant does not believe that the amendment is necessary it is being provided as an alternative and as a courtesy to the USPTO.

Examination of this patent application and its Early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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